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Tax overhaul moves closer to final passage

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Kylee Fitzgerald, a Mercy girl through and through, was devastated when she found out its fate. SAM GREENE/THE ENQUIRER

Mercy's end a mix of sadness, anger, hope

Emotions run high at school's closing

Hannah Sparling and Jennie Key
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The first phone call came at 10:24 a.m. The leadership team at Seton High School noted the time and reason for the call. It was a parent from Mother of Mercy High School, Seton's rival down the road, calling to ask about the possibility of a transfer.

It was the first of 129 such phone calls

that day, the same day the Sisters of Mercy announced a merger between their two Cincinnati all-girls schools, Mother of Mercy in Westwood and McAuley High School in College Hill.

Higher enrollment is great, said Seton

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SPORTS, 5C

FC Cincinnati playing the waiting game

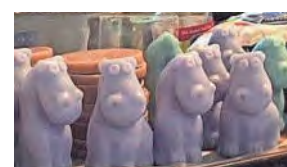
Nashville expected to land MLS franchise today. Are we next?



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Flu now widespread across Ohio

Region still at low levels of sickness, but trends could be turning up.



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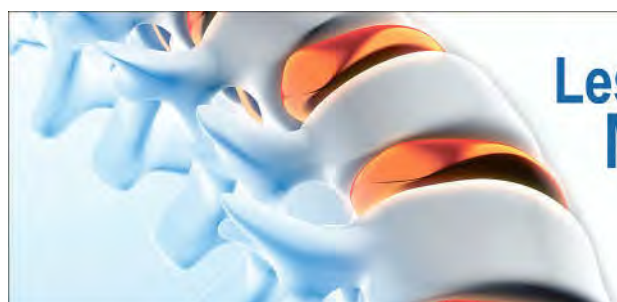
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